

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

January 13, 2016

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson (via phone)
Phyllis Hansell (via phone)
Alexa Heffernan (via phone)
Guy Richardson
Kim Spading (via phone)
Sam Wallace

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Representative Joel Fry (absent)
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)
Senator Mark Segebart (present)
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Sandy Knudsen
Nancy Freudenberg
Rick Shults

Wendy Rickman
Amy McCoy
Peter Schumacher

GUESTS

Jerry Foxhoven, Drake Law School
Anne Gruenewald, Four Oaks
Denise Rathman, NASW
Kristie Oliver, Coalition for Family and Children's Services
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Iowa Department of Management
RG Schwarm, Brown Winick (AmeriHealth)

CALL TO ORDER

Guy Richardson called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. All ex-officio legislative members were absent with the exception of Senator Segebart.

RULES

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 151, Juvenile Court Services. These amendments improve the understanding of current juvenile services. The amendments also describe the expansion of juvenile justice services to juveniles age 18-21.

N-2. Amendments to Chapter 176, Dependent Adult Abuse. These amendments improve the quality of service, streamline process, and update expectations by removing form numbers and altering form names pertaining to the dissemination of adult abuse information.

A motion to accept the report of noticed action was made by Wallace and seconded by Spading. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015 and seconded by Hansell. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WORKGROUP REPORT

Anne Gruenewald and Jerry Foxhoven, Co-Chairs of the "Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup" addressed the Council.

The workgroup was formed in response to legislative direction to facilitate a study and make recommendations regarding children's mental health and the systems that assist children and families in Iowa. The workgroup was divided into two subcommittees: 1) children's mental health; 2) children's well-being.

A handout summarizing the Workgroup's report was distributed.

Mr. Foxhoven, chair of the children's mental health subcommittee, noted that the workgroup was comprised of a broad range of participants and reached consensus throughout the deliberation. This subcommittee focused on the crisis system and calls for a phased-in implementation of Crisis Intervention (\$300,000 for two pilot programs).

Ms. Gruenewald, chair of the children's well-being subcommittee reported that the subcommittee recommends 3 to 5 "learning labs" be developed and to continue an advisory group.

Director Palmer thanked Gruenewald and Foxhoven (and the other workgroup members) for their work on the report and for enhancing and promoting collaboration among different entities for the advancement of a children's mental health system.

BUDGET UPDATE

Jean Slaybaugh, Chief Financial Officer, distributed and reviewed a handout entitled "Iowa Department of Human Services SFY16 Enacted Appropriations and SFY17 Governor's Budget Recommendation."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Palmer reported that DHS is operating at a "zero sum gain" and have sufficient funding to operate. The Governor made difficult decisions with a tight budget. He noted that Iowa is ranked the 4th best managed state in the U.S.

DHS continues to work with CMS (Center for Medicaid Services) in anticipation of their approval for a March 1 start date for Iowa's Medicaid Modernization.

COUNCIL MEMBERS UPDATE

Spading reported that the U of I has been providing patients with handouts regarding how to contact MCO groups (and also set up a hotline).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wallace to adjourn and seconded by Anderson. The motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary